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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer.

### THE CITY FIRST.

Be it remembered of all men hereabout, that the City of Astoria comes first in the public estimate, and treatment, of the question of "saloon" or "local option".

Both the other issues have their rights and places, but both are subservient to the general good, present and prospective.

The Morning Astorian is not going to interfere with either, until one or the other, or both, invade the common, and easily distinguished, limits of the popular concern. At any such crisis we shall say what is right and proper, no matter where nor whom it shall hit.

We have said what we think about both elements, and their work, at this time. We shall keep hands off until some untoward movement is made, and then we shall voice public sentiment as we find it. It is up to the leaders of the two camps to harmonize and adjust the situation for the general advantage; and along with all other good citizens we shall hail the compromise as a distinct and desirable end to a very disagreeable and untimely agitation.

And while we are urging the city and its commercial interests as first in the general scale of importance, we admit that even this is superseded by the law of the land. That takes precedence here, and everywhere, of course!

### COL. ROESSLER'S ESTIMATES.

We regret that the estimates furnished by Col. S. W. Roessler, federal engineer in charge of the Columbia river jetties, for the fiscal year were not adhered to, and the \$1,700,000 given in full; because the full sum, carefully expended, would have wrought the last phase of the work, and especially, had he been retained at the head of it. The \$250,000 that has been lopped off will serve no purpose of economy whatever, and simply delays the completion of the enterprise indefinitely, just as the removal of Colonel Roessler will contribute to the same unfortunate end.

There is some crafty agency at work in this state or on this upper coast to delay and drag this great scheme through the years until Portland, or Seattle or some other interested commercial center shall have become entrenched immovably and irrevocably; otherwise this thing would have gone through on the original estimate and the able and conscientious officer that made it would have been permitted to stay and finish it with that money.

We are glad the Celilo canal appropriation was not altogether slaughtered; but would have been pleased to see that go through at the prescribed \$500,000, because it is among the most essential needs of the great valley these engineering schemes stand for; and for which the honest intelligence of this same officer has avouched.

We should be, and probably are, devoutly thankful for the lesser sums that fall to the military posts at Vancouver and Fort Stevens for the erection of new barracks and other quarters; but these are infinitesimal in comparison with the provision for the completion of the greater designs.

### TOO MUCH "WATCHDOG."

With all due respect for the Oregon Grande as one of the solid, conservative, reputable institutions of the country and representing one of the basic elements of our national life and character, we are constrained to deplore the opposition it is arraying against the two very essential public needs for which generous appropria-

tions have been asked and which will be up to the people of Oregon to grant, or deny, on the first day of June, at their polls: The annual appropriation of \$125,000 for the University of Oregon, and an appropriation of \$100,000, in four annual sums of \$25,000 each, for the equipment and maintenance of Oregon's end of the National Guard.

Both are necessary and valuable agencies of the state's entourage and indispensable to its growth, culture and protection; both are inseparable and highly-prized features of every state government in the land and far more liberally provided for everywhere than Oregon has ever yet seen fit to endow them.

It is all very well to be careful of the public funds in this day of extravagance and graft, but legitimate ends must be served with a liberality that, at least, will not cripple them, nor disparage them, at the crucial moment of their highest faculty for public service. "Watchdogs" have been known to overdo the thing, time and again, to the utter negation of the real good for which they were put in place, or which they assumed to guard; and we are inclined to think the Oregon Grange is working its stunt, in these two cases, to a degree that will leave the State of Oregon cheapened and discredited if it is to have its way with these appropriations.

Oregon grows apace; the years, and the people, and her own amplified future, are demanding more of her than was essential in the old and early days, and on these especial lines she must range along with the States of her size and class and do her best and full duty by her own sons and daughters as well as by the country at large. It will not do to stop at the dollar-mark every time its is hoisted aloft by some narrow prejudice or chill conservatism. As we shall provide for our young so shall they honor and protect the land when the crises of their day shall arise; and we have no right to fore-shorten the spirit or capacity wherewith they shall go at it.

### EDITORIAL SALAD

The president's latest message is a calm document, though it opens with a reference to a dam bill.

Gov. Hughes recently remarked that men are nine-tenths good. He meant on the average, for it is evident that the New York Senate breaks even.

San Francisco is studying rodent migration by means of rats dyed different colors. The release of a rat once caught may be scientific, but is not to be recommended as practical.

"The paper week," says a New Orleans paper, "has been a favorable period for agricultural interests throughout the South." Good news of this kind comes from all parts of the country.

Among the rations on the big American fleet are powered eggs and dehydrated onions. As long as the bill of fare includes salt pork and plum duff the old sailors will be willing to stand a few novelties as extras.

According to a well-known agricultural publication the average condition of winter wheat April 1 was 90.2, against 88.1 a year ago, and 85 for the last ten years. This is the sort of encouragement that counts.

An English scientist says the American boy "has the energy and smartness of a new race; the European boy is mentally two years behind him." This philosopher will be still more complimentary when he looks into the record of the American girl.

### TEA

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### THE TROUBLES OF THE TROUBLE HUNTER

"The troubles of the Trouble Hunter," as related by C. F. Carter in the May number of Popular Mechanics, are certainly entertaining to the reader even though the "trouble hunter" himself may not have always found them pleasant. Manufacturers of engines, pumps and other machinery usually have an expert whose task is to investigate complaints from patrons and point out the fault of the installed apparatus. This "trouble hunter," as he is termed, becomes a veritable scapegoat, yet his life is not without its compensations, as anyone who reads Mr. Carter's description of the feast tendered one of them after he had started a village electric light plant to working on the eve of an election and thus saved the day for the interested faction, will appreciate.

One amusing incident is told of a New Englander who had purchased a 25-hp. gasoline engine, which refused to work on the second day. The trouble hunter was rushed to the scene, looked things over and tried to start the engine. It wouldn't go. Then he went outside and took off the cover of the gasoline tank, a galvanized iron affair enclosed in a rough wooden box sunk in the ground.

"Why, you have no gasoline here," he said.

"Oh, yes I have. I put in sixty gallons day before yesterday and only ran the engine a few hours. There's plenty of gasoline."

"But there isn't a drop. Try putting some gasoline in and see if the engine doesn't work."

Upon examination it was found that the carpenter who had boxed up the tank had driven an eight-penny nail into the bottom of the tank and on discovering the mishap had pulled the nail out without plugging up the hole. Of course, the gasoline soon leaked out. The engine ran all right as soon as it was supplied with fuel.

The article is illustrated.

### DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Charles Rogers & Son drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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### BIENNIAL MEETING.

Civil Service Commission to Meet in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 27—On May 7 and 8 the first biennial meeting as a body of the national assembly of Civil Service Commissions will be held in this city. Delegates will be present from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, various commissions, state and municipal examining board and the National Civil Service Reform League.

On the first day addresses will be made by Charles S. Fowler, president of the organization, Vice-president James Mason, Elliot H. Goodwin and others.

On May 8 Warren P. Dudley of Massachusetts and Frank M. Higgins of the U. S. Civil Service Commission will make the chief addresses.

### GOOD NEWS.

Many Astoria Readers Have Heard it and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Astoria are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no

more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Arthur Rooke, 412 Duane street, Astoria, Ore., says: "At the time I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was suffering severely from pain in my back and shoulders which descended at times into my limbs. The pains seemed to be as severe during the night as in the day and many times interfered with my rest. At one time I was so lame that I was unable to stoop over to lace my shoes without suffering acutely. My kidneys were so irregular in action and the secretions were in a terrible condition. At last a friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to me so highly that I procured a box at Chas. Roger's drug store. They helped me from the first and I continued using them until I was entirely free from kidney complaint. I am now entirely well and it gives me pleasure to recommend a remedy of such great benefit as Doan's Kidney Pills."

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